

THE CONNAUGHT LABORATORIES

THE Connaught Laboratories and the fifty acre farm which Colonel Albert Gooderham has so generously provided in order that research in Preventive Medicine and the preparation of serums and vaccines may be carried on, were formally presented to the University of Toronto by Colonel Gooderham' on October 25th; and at the same time officially opened by His Excellency the Governor General.

The occasion was an unusual one and was especially significant in that the establishment of the first research foundation in Preventive Medicine was announced by Sir William Hearst. On behalf of the Ontario Government the Premier stated that seventy-five thousand dollars was to be voted at the next session of the legislature to endow research in Preventive Medicine in the new laboratories, and that the income from this fund would be devoted entirely to research, since the laboratories themselves were self-supporting. It was also announced that a sum of approximately twenty-five thousand dollars from another source was available and that the income derived from this, too, would be used for the same purpose. Thus the foundation at the outset amounts to about one hundred thousand dollars.

Research work will be undertaken to endeavour to provide means whereby the incidence of, and the mortality from, communicable diseases, may be lessened. The work at present being done on similar foundations at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, the Lister Institute in London, and the Rockefeller Institute in New York will serve as a model.

The opening of the laboratories was a very simple ceremony. The presentation speech by Colonel Gooderham, acceptance on behalf of the University by Sir Edmund Walker, the speech of His Excellency declaring the laboratories open, the important announcement of Sir William

Hearst, and a word from President Falconer constituted the programme of the formal part of the opening. Subsequently a moving-picture film was shown to illustrate phases of the work carried on in the laboratories; this was followed by a tour of inspection of the buildings where the various products of the department were shown, and finally tea was served. Adequate transportation and other facilities were provided. The guests included, in addition to those already mentioned, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, members of the Provincial Government, the Board of Governors, the Bishop of Toronto, representatives of neighbouring Universities, representatives also of various interested governmental departments, both Federal and Provincial, members of the medical profession, and of the staff of the University, and friends generally of the new Laboratories. In the evening, in Convocation Hall, before a very distinguished gathering, Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, delivered an extremely interesting and able lecture on the War Activities of the Rockefeller Institute. Dr. Flexner pointed out some of the important contributions to science which members of the Institute have made and are making, having especially in mind those of particular value in war-work in the saving of lives and in the minimizing of resultant disabilities. The University was extremely fortunate in having Dr. Flexner on this occasion as a lecturer. A very hearty vote of thanks to the speaker of the evening was moved by Dr. C. K. Clarke and seconded by Major J. G. Fitzgerald.

THE opening of the new sanatorium at Fort Qu'Appelle in the province of Saskatchewan supplies a long felt want in that province. Patients suffering from tuberculosis in the past have been obliged to go to the Ninette Sanatorium at Winnipeg or the Tranquille institution in the province of British Columbia, or to go across the border to the United